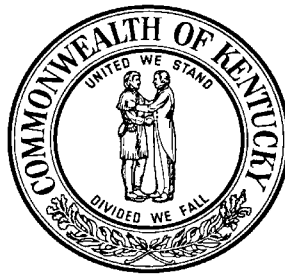


**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
MUHLENBERG COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES**

May 24, 2001



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The enclosed report prepared by Kapp & Company, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, presents the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes.

We engaged Kapp & Company, PLLC, to perform the financial audit of this statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Kapp & Company, PLLC, evaluated the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
MUHLENBERG COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES**

May 24, 2001

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
MUHLENBERG COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES

May 24, 2001

Kapp & Company, PLLC, has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes for Muhlenberg County Sheriff as of May 24, 2001. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

The Sheriff collected taxes of \$7,004,784 for the districts for 2000 taxes. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$6,621,052 to the districts for 2000 Taxes. Taxes of \$38 are due to the districts from the Sheriff and refunds of \$700 are due to the Sheriff from the taxing districts.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes as of May 24, 2001. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Muhlenberg County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of May 24, 2001, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 4, 2002, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kapp & Company, PLLC

Audit fieldwork completed -
October 4, 2002

MUHLENBERG COUNTY
JERRY D. MAYHUGH, SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES

May 24, 2001

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 535,762	\$ 709,707	\$ 2,894,278	\$ 821,113
Tangible Personal Property	84,097	112,501	426,492	287,887
Intangible Personal Property				92,196
Bank Shares				
Fire Protection	1,425			
Increased Through Erroneous Tax Assessments	992	1,288	5,109	1,241
Omitted Taxes				
Franchise Corporation Taxes	122,932	155,131	642,592	
Distilled Spirits Taxes				
Additional Billings	17,714	23,267	90,668	95,009
Unmined Coal - 1999 Taxes	16,917	18,609	91,389	27,214
Unmined Coal - 2000 Taxes	20,120	23,444	108,692	30,836
Oil and Gas Property Taxes	3,060	3,565	16,530	4,690
Limestone, Sand, and Mineral Reserves	81	94	436	124
Bank Franchise Taxes	80,254			
Penalties	5,906	7,807	31,689	10,086
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	(631)	(831)	(3,190)	151
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>\$ 888,629</u>	<u>\$ 1,054,582</u>	<u>\$ 4,304,685</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,547</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	\$ 16,879	\$ 23,549	\$ 88,360	\$ 105,827
Discounts	10,562	11,847	47,740	17,876
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	21,878	27,924	118,130	33,514
Tangible Personal Property	218	2,417	779	745
Intangible Personal Property				93
Unmined Coal - 1999 Taxes	2,852	3,137	15,404	4,587
Unmined Coal - 2000 Taxes	3,539	4,124	19,119	5,424
Uncollected Franchise Taxes	3,669	4,802	18,664	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 59,597</u>	<u>\$ 77,800</u>	<u>\$ 308,196</u>	<u>\$ 168,066</u>
Net Tax Yield	\$ 829,032	\$ 976,782	\$ 3,996,489	\$ 1,202,481
Less: Commissions *	<u>35,521</u>	<u>41,513</u>	<u>159,860</u>	<u>51,393</u>
Net Taxes Due	\$ 793,511	\$ 935,269	\$ 3,836,629	\$ 1,151,088
Taxes Paid	784,866	925,326	3,790,992	1,119,868
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	<u>8,938</u>	<u>9,920</u>	<u>45,659</u>	<u>31,590</u>
Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff) as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ (293)</u>	<u>** \$ 23</u>	<u>\$ (22)</u>	<u>\$ (370)</u>

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MUHLENBERG COUNTY
JERRY D. MAYHUGH, SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2000 TAXES
May 24, 2001
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* Commissions:

10% on	\$	10,000
4.25% on	\$	2,998,294
4% on	\$	3,996,490

** Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$	20
Health District		1
Extension District		1
Soil Conservation		(15)
Airport		1
Mud River		<u>15</u>
Due Districts or (Refund Due Sheriff)	\$	<u><u>23</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

MUHLENBERG COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 24, 2001

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of May 24, 2001, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

MUHLENBERG COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
May 24, 2001
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Note 3. Tax Collection Periods

A. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2000. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2001. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 30, 2000 through May 24, 2001.

B. Unmined Coal Taxes - 1999

The tangible property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 1999. Property taxes are billed to finance governmental services. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was July 29, 1999 through February 25, 2000.

C. Unmined Coal Taxes - 2000

The tangible property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2000. Property taxes are billed to finance governmental services. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 23, 2000 through April 20, 2001.

Note 4. Interest Income

The Muhlenberg County Sheriff earned \$5,754 as interest income on 2000 taxes. As of October 4, 2002, the Sheriff owes \$47 in interest to the school district and \$410 in interest to his fee account.

Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Muhlenberg County Sheriff collected \$40,510 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 6. Advertising Costs And Fees

The Muhlenberg County Sheriff collected \$3,366 of advertising costs and \$4,840 of advertising fees allowed by KRS 424.330(1) and KRS 134.440(2). The Sheriff distributed the advertising costs to the county as required by statute, and the advertising fees will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes as of May 24, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated October 4, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Settlement - 2000 Taxes as of May 24, 2001 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

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